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Application No.: 09/324,368

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Applicant: Nagaoka

Group Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Jeffrey Mullis

Title: Biodegradable Formable Filament Nonwoven Fabric and
Method of Producing the Same

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2000 for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire May 1, 2001. Applicants petition for a one-month extension of the period time for response. With a one-month extension, reply is timely on or before June 1, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.